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In recent years Galambos's major interest has been the process of innovation and its links to the growth of large-scale organizations, professional institutions, and new government programs in the twentieth century. He began this line of inquiry in his analysis of the Bell System and is continuing his research and writing on this subject in a series of studies of the pharmaceutical firm Merck & Co., Inc. His recent publications include: "The U.S. Corporate Economy in the Twentieth Century," in vol. 3 of The Cambridge Economic History of the United States; and "The Monopoly Enigma, the Reagan Administration's Antitrust Experiment, and the Global Economy," in Constructing Corporate America.

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